



Pirbright's Learning Week

Thursday 1st April 2021

Every week is a busy one at Pirbright Village Primary School, so we thought we'd take the opportunity to share with you some of the exciting things which have been going on inside and outside of the classroom in each year group.



Reception

Our learning this week has continued to focus upon life cycles. We have been very excited to see how our frogspawn has changed and the squeals of excitement could be heard around the Reception classroom as we eagerly watched the tadpoles hatching. With Easter celebrations getting closer, we learnt about the life cycle of a chick, learning about each stage and how the chick grows and develops. We used our Mr Maker skills to create our own paper chick models and we were really good at cutting fringing to create feathers. In our maths sessions we have continued to consolidate our number skills and understanding of numbers that make 10. We were quick to use the ten frames to find out how many beads were hiding on our bead strings. During our choosing time, many of us have enjoyed creating our own story books with illustrations. We have tried hard to give our books a title and page numbers. Our P.E session was packed with high energy activities including throwing, aiming and jumping skills. We even learnt a new pirate game as a fun warm up! Reception are now ready for a well-earned Easter break and we look forward to welcoming our learners back in the Summer term! Well done for all your hard work. Have a great Easter!



Year 2

Year 1 have had a busy week in the build-up to the Easter holidays! We began our week doing PE and practising some of our skills, followed by learning about Easter Sunday, why we celebrate Easter and what it symbolises, and some phonics/English activities. For our topic lessons, we have continued reading 'The Colour Monster' and this week, we looked at the colour blue, which is the emotion of sadness, and the colour green which is the emotion of calm. We did lots of lovely activities related to these colours, such as go on a walk around school to see if we could spot green and blue objects, some observational drawings out in the sunshine on the field and describing some blue and green settings. In maths, we have been recapping all our fantastic maths skills and showing what we have learnt and in English, we have been doing some writing about woodland scenes and under the ocean scenes. Our Rainbow Challenges this week have involved matching lower case letters to upper case letters, describing a setting, finding green and blue things on our walk and discussing evergreen and deciduous trees and closely observing trees, plants and flowers to do some lovely drawings. We also went on an Easter hunt to find some yummy chocolates. The year 1 team are so proud of all the children for settling back in so well and we wish you all a lovely Easter!



Year 2

What another brilliant week we have had in Year 2. This week we have completed our minibeast research, decided our subheadings and started writing our very own non-chronological reports about them. We moved onto looking at shape in Maths, focusing on 2D shapes and developing our mathematical vocabulary such as vertices. The highlight of the week has definitely been our new DT project. We started the week looking at different types of puppets and creating a puppet show as well as designing our very own minibeast hand puppets. We practised our running stitch and cross stitch before we started to assemble our own puppets. We can't wait to see the finished product! The week ended on a high with World Book Day! We had great fun dressing up and getting involved in all things reading! Well done for another fab week Year 2!



Year 3

Year 3 have rolled up their 'apron' sleeves, embraced their inner artists and emersed themselves in everything creative this week! Inspired by the Ancient Egyptians our challenge was to select and produce 4 pieces of art or sculpture each, including papier-mâché mummified cats, stone scarab beetle amulets, Pharaoh self-portraits, death masks, Falcon Pharaoh necklaces and clay Rosetta stone tablets. It was a very fitting celebration of our exciting topic. Your talented children have all shown superb resilience and put a huge amount of effort into creating their 'master pieces' for our virtual pop-up museum, so watch this space for information coming soon! Check out the class Twitter feed for a sneak preview. In R.E we have looked in depth at the key events and significance of The Easter Holy Week and created an Easter tree, decorated with eggs depicting both Christian and secular symbols of Easter. The creativity and problem-solving skills shown by the children this week was truly inspiring. You certainly deserve a relaxing Easter break Year Three, after what has been a very topsy-turvy term. You have all got stuck in and achieved a huge amount in a very short half term in school, which is highly commendable. Well done super learning heroes!



Year 4

Wasn't it lovely to have the sunshine at the start of the week! The classes enjoyed their PE sessions doing Ultimate Frisbee in the sun. We continued our English study of Myths and Legends and the children wrote their own Labour of Heracles. In maths, we have been showing our understanding of fractions through drawings and have used these visual techniques to subtract fractions from mixed numbers. Our history has been based around Ancient Greek warfare and the children have used a variety of sources to research this subject. They focused on the wars between the Greeks and the mighty Persian empire, particularly the battles of Marathon and Salamis.



Year 5

What a fabulous end to this half term. It has been wonderful having the children back and seeing their smiling faces. The children have made fabulous trailers for Kensuke's Kingdom. From these, we would love to see their versions of the film! Harry Potter stories have been created, focusing on the chapter 'Forbidden Forest'. Suspense was created in the first paragraph as their characters ventured somewhere sinister. So many skills have been required for this from speech punctuation, paragraphs, effective adjectives and creative fronted adverbials. They have had the opportunity to share their ideas with others and everyone has been impressed with each other. In maths, we have looked at fractions of amounts and solving word problems using these skills. Baking has occurred in Year 5, using seasonal produce to create crumbles and cakes. I think many agreed that the tasting was the best part but everyone thought carefully when it came to evaluating their products as to their taste, texture and what they would change next time. We hope everyone has a wonderful Easter break.



Year 6 This week, the children have been really focused on raising money for the Easter raffle.

After selling tickets, advertising the raffle and of course bringing in so many Easter treats, the children were thrilled to learn they had raised over £600 for their residential trip. We had a brilliant day creating videos to announce the winners of the raffle for the rest of the school. What an achievement – we are so proud of them! In Maths this week, we have been revising some of our previous learning, including using a protractor to measure angles, and calculating the area and volume of different shapes. We put our Scientific knowledge to the test this week by writing a DEAL conclusion to demonstrate the findings of our experiments on heart rate. We hope that everyone has a well-deserved rest over Easter ready for the Summer term!

